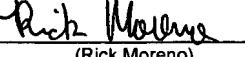


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### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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#### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 2, 2006 (Paper No. 20060427), for which a response was due on July 2, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.